

Amendments to the Claims:

1. (Currently Amended) A ~~an~~ system for enforcing an enforceable property right for use within a system for controlling the manner of use of an item in accordance with usage rights granted from a grantor to a grantee, said ~~right~~ system comprising:

an item ticket specifying an item for which said item ticket can be redeemed, said ticket having a security mechanism incorporated therein; and

a license associated with said item ticket, said license including usage rights granted from the grantor to the grantee specifying a manner of use for redeeming said item ticket ~~and~~, said license also including means for unlocking said security mechanism whereby rights to the item are granted from the grantor to the grantee without requiring a binding contract between the grantor and the grantee; and

a repository operative to interpret said license and enforce the manner of use for redeeming the item ticket.

2. (Currently Amended) A ~~an~~ system for enforcing an enforceable property right as recited in claim 1, wherein said license further includes conditions that must be satisfied to activate said means for unlocking.

3. (Currently Amended) A ~~an~~ system for enforcing an enforceable property right as recited in claim 1, wherein said item ticket includes a description of the item.

4. (Currently Amended) A ~~an~~ system for enforcing an enforceable property right as recited in claim 1, wherein said item ticket includes an ID correlated to the item.

5. (Currently Amended) A ~~an~~ system for enforcing an enforceable property right as recited in claim 1, wherein said item ticket includes limitations specified by said license.

6. (Currently Amended) A ~~an~~ system for enforcing an enforceable property right as recited in claim 5, wherein said limitations are expressed as conditions.

7. (Currently Amended) A ~~an~~ system for enforcing an enforceable property right as recited in claim 1, wherein said security mechanism is encryption.

8. (Currently Amended) A ~~n~~ system for enforcing an enforceable property right as recited in claim 1, wherein said item includes goods.

9. (Currently Amended) A ~~n~~ system for enforcing an enforceable property right as recited in claim 1, wherein said item includes services.

10. (Currently Amended) A ~~n~~ system for enforcing an enforceable property right as recited in claim 1, wherein said license includes a specification of a corresponding item ticket.

11. (Currently Amended) A ~~n~~ system for enforcing an enforceable property right as recited in claim 1, wherein said item is information.

12. (Currently Amended) A ~~n~~ system for enforcing an enforceable property right as recited in claim 11, wherein said license further comprises usage rights specifying access to the information and conditions of the access.

13. (Currently Amended) A ~~n~~ system for enforcing an enforceable property right as recited in claim 12, wherein said conditions include a security or trust rating.

14. (Currently Amended) A ~~n~~ system for enforcing an enforceable property right as recited in claim 1, wherein said item is an online service.

15. (Currently Amended) A ~~n~~ system for enforcing an enforceable property right as recited in claim 14, wherein said license further comprises usage rights specifying access to the online service and conditions of the access.

16. (Currently Amended) A ~~n~~ system for enforcing an enforceable property right as recited in claim 15, wherein said conditions include a security or trust rating.

17. (Currently Amended) A ~~n~~ system for enforcing an enforceable property right as recited in claim 2, wherein said license also includes post-license conditions that do not

need to be satisfied to activate said security mechanism and wherein said unlocking mechanism permits a specification of said item and said post-license conditions to be rendered.

18. (Currently Amended) ~~An~~ system for enforcing an enforceable property right as recited in claim 2, wherein said license includes state variables.

19. (Currently Amended) ~~An~~ system for enforcing an enforceable property right as recited in claim 1, wherein said unlocking mechanism is operative to permit the item ticket to be rendered as a human readable description.

20. (Currently Amended) ~~An~~ system for enforcing an enforceable property right as recited in claim 1, wherein said unlocking mechanism is operative to permit the item ticket to be rendered as a computer readable code.

21. (Currently Amended) ~~An~~ system for enforcing an enforceable property right as recited in claim 1, wherein said usage rights include meta-rights which permit rights in the item to be granted to downstream parties.

22. (Currently Amended) ~~An~~ system for enforcing an enforceable property right as recited in claim 1, wherein the item is a financial instrument.

23. (Currently Amended) ~~An~~ system for enforcing an enforceable property right as recited in claim 1, wherein the item is a legal document.

24. (Currently Amended) ~~An~~ system for enforcing an enforceable property right as recited in claim 1, wherein the item is real estate.

25. (Currently amended) A system for enforcing property rights in items rights granted from a grantor to a grantee by controlling the use of the items in accordance with usage rights, said system comprising:

a license device operative to associate a license with an item ticket specifying an item for which said item ticket can be redeemed and having a security mechanism

incorporated therein, said license including usage rights specifying a manner of use for redeeming said item ticket, ~~and~~ conditions for exercising said manner of use, and a mechanism for unlocking said security mechanism; and

a security component operative to enforce said license and ~~unlock~~ activate said mechanism for unlocking said security mechanism when said conditions are satisfied whereby rights to the item are granted from the grantor to the grantee without requiring a binding contract between the grantor and the grantee.

26. (Original) A system as recited in claim 25 wherein said security component comprises a client component in a user device and an activation device for providing at least a portion of said client component.

27. (Original) A system as recited in claim 26, further comprising a vendor device for permitting a user to select an item and usage rights to be incorporated into said license generated by said license device.

28. (Currently Amended) A method for enforcing a property right within a system for controlling the manner of use of an item in accordance with usage rights granted from a grantor to a grantee, said method comprising:

parsing a license associated with an item ticket specifying an item for which said item ticket can be redeemed and having a security mechanism incorporated therein, said license including usage rights specifying a manner of use for redeeming said item ticket, ~~and~~ conditions for exercising the manner of use, and a mechanism for unlocking said security mechanism;

determining if said conditions are satisfied; and

unlocking said security mechanism based on said unlocking mechanism if said conditions are satisfied whereby rights to the item are granted from the grantor to the grantee without requiring a binding contract between the grantor and the grantee.

29. (Original) A method as recited in claim 28, wherein said item ticket includes a description of the item.

30. (Original) A method as recited in claim 28, wherein said item ticket includes an ID correlated to the item.

31. (Original) A method as recited in claim 28, wherein said item ticket includes limitations specified by said license.

32. (Original) A method as recited in claim 31, wherein said limitations are expressed as conditions.

33. (Original) A method as recited in claim 28, wherein said security mechanism is encryption and said unlocking step comprises executing a decryption algorithm.

34. (Original) A method as recited in claim 28, wherein said item includes goods.

35. (Original) A method as recited in claim 28, wherein said item includes services.

36. (Original) A method as recited in claim 28, wherein said license includes a specification of a corresponding item ticket.

37. (Original) A method as recited in claim 28, wherein said item is information.

38. (Original) A method as recited in claim 37, wherein said license further comprises usage rights specifying access to the information and conditions of the access.

39. (Original) A method as recited in claim 38, wherein said conditions include a security or trust rating and wherein said determining step comprises determining if a user's rating corresponds to the trust rating.

40. (Original) A method as recited in claim 28, wherein said item is an online service.

41. (Original) A method as recited in claim 40, wherein said license further comprises usage rights specifying access to the online service and conditions of the access.

42. (Original) A method as recited in claim 41, wherein said conditions include a security or trust rating and wherein said determining step comprises determining if a user's rating corresponds to the trust rating.

43. (Original) A method as recited in claim 28, wherein said usage rights include meta-rights which permit rights in the item to be granted to downstream parties and further comprising the steps of deriving rights from the meta-rights and generating a license including the derived rights.

44. (Original) An enforceable property right as recited in claim 28, wherein the item is a financial instrument.

45. (Original) A method as recited in claim 28, wherein the item is a legal document.

46. (Original) A method as recited in claim 28, wherein the item is real estate.

47. (New) A system for enforcing a property right for controlling a manner of use of an item in accordance with usage rights granted from a grantor to a grantee, said system comprising:

means for parsing a license associated with an item ticket, said item ticket specifying an item for which said item ticket can be redeemed and having a security mechanism incorporated therein, said license including usage rights specifying a manner of use for redeeming said item ticket, conditions for exercising the manner of use, and a mechanism for unlocking said security mechanism;

means for determining if said conditions are satisfied; and

means for activating said mechanism for unlocking said security mechanism if said conditions are satisfied whereby rights to the item are granted from the grantor to the grantee without requiring a binding contract between the grantor and the grantee.

48. (New) The system of claim 47, wherein said means for parsing, said means for determining, and said means for activating comprise devices of a computer system.

49. (New) The system of claim 47, wherein said means for parsing, said means for determining, and said means for activating comprise computer readable instructions recorded on a computer readable medium.